Passengers of Suburban Trains

955. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passengers who travelled in suburban trains (both Central and Western Railways) in the years 1984-85, 1985-86, 1986-87 in Bombay;

(b) the number of trains that have run in above period year-wise; and

(c) the action Government propose to reduce overcrowding in suburban trains in Bombay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):

(a) No. of passengers travelled in subur ban trains

(Figures in Thousands)

	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
Central Railway	659,815	685,555	718,439
Western Railway	711,788	698.214	689,199
TOTAL	1,371,603	1,383,769	1,407,638

(b) Average number of Suburban Trains runs Daily

(In units)

Central Railway	827	865	900
Western Railway	857	851	880
TOTAL	1,684	1,716	1,780

(c) Increase in the number of EMU suburban trains introduction of high density rakes and reduction in headway between successive trains are some of the steps being taken.

Monkey Bridge on River Yamuna

956. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a multi-crore scheme for coping with the massive inrease in vehicular traffic in the capital, and augmenting the Monkey Bridge on the river Yamuna has been drawn up;

(b) if so, what are the details and estimated cost thereof; and

(c) the decisions taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) There are a few proposals for coping with the massive increase in vehicular traffic over river Yamuna in the capital, which include provision of an eight lane bridge near Inter State Bus Terminal at an estimated cost of about Rs. 37 crores. Further a proposal for widening the ITO bridge is at the planning stage. There is no 'Monkey Bridge' on the river Yamuna. There is, however, a 'Monkey Bridge'